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HIGH COURT
OF
PARLIAMENT:

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Councell Assembled.

TOGETHER WITH
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SHEWETH;



That the loud and unanimous cry
of many thousands of our fel-
low-Citizens, as well as our
owne sense and fellow-feeling,
hath obliged us to make this
present Interposition, amongst
other your publique and weighty affaires; We
doe in the annexed, humbly offer unto your Lps.
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their own words and expressions, with some omissions and few alterations, as they were delivered unto us by a great number of considerable Citizens of known worth, and of approved integritie to the Parliament; that your Lordships may the more clearly see the deepe sense they have of the growing miseries and encreasing distractions of these times; The chief matter thereof is the same with our late addresses, unto which wee humbly hope your Lordships will still finde the same reasons to give your favourable acceptance and noble regard, as wee humbly and thankfully acknowledge you readily shewed unto the same when we tendered them unto your Lordships, as the representative body of the Citie alone. The obligation that lyes upon us to them, the duty wee owe to the Parliament, and the interest this Citie hath in the Peace of the whole Kingdome, would not permit us either to reject their Petitions, or to conceal their grievances from your Lordships, neither yet can we our selves but both own their griefs and fears, and so humbly joyn with them in the same desires.

But to those Reasons in which wee have concurred with our said Fellow-Citizens, for the more speedy disbanding of that Army among others, which hath in the sight of the Kingdome by Gods blessing obtained so many signall Victories; We humbly crave leave, that

as we detract not from their merit, so we may also adde thus much, which is daily complained of, That there are some Officers, and many common Souldiers of that Army, who either have never taken the Covenant, or are disaffected to the Church-government held forth by the Parliament; That the Pulpits of divers godly Ministers are often usurped by Preaching Souldiers, and others, who infect their Flock, and all places where they come, with strange and dangerous Errours; And then we humbly submit it to your Lordships to consider, what security or settlement can be expected while they are Masters of such a power, and what example, if not encouragement, the people may take from them, to refuse the Covenant; or if they have taken it, to contemn the same, to the great derogation of that Church-Government, which the Parliament hath declared. We humbly hope, that although such were dismissed, the Parliament by their authority may otherwise, if occasion shall require, sufficiently provide for the safety of the Kingdome.

But this great work, as also that which is of so high concernment to the establishing of a perfect and well grounded Peace, (The bringing home of his Majesty) we doe humbly and wholly submit, and commit next to the Almighty hand of Gods Providence, unto the Wisdome of both Houses of Parliament, being

confident that they will preserve and defend His Majesties Royall Person, and Authority, in the preservation and defence of the true Religion and Liberties of the Kingdome, according to the Covenant.

To that also which concernes the Estates of Delinquents which are under Sequestration, or are or shall be either wholly confiscated, or else compounded for, We humbly desire leave to adde this Petition in behalfe of our selves, and many thousands of our fellow-Citizens and all others who have adhered to the Parliament, That all just Debts may bee first paid and satisfied, and to that end that no Committees of Sequestration or Sequestrators may interrupt just proceedings at Law for recovery of such Debts. And that the Heires and Estates of those who have died since these Wars on the Enemies Part, may be yet liable to pay just Debts, notwithstanding any Entailes or Deeds in Trust, made since the beginning of these generall Distractions, which are conceived to have been made purposely to defeat the Creditors. And because of the long continuance of these Wars and Divisions, that the Statute may not be pleaded to any Book Debt for not being demanded within sixe yeares since the beginning of the Parliament, otherwise there are none in the Kingdome like to suffer more then the well-affected, and such as have

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have adhered to the Parliament.

Lastly, We humbly conclude with this Petition in behalf of this City, That as this Court as the Representative Body of the City, hath hitherto by Authority of Parliament had the nomination of the Persons intrusted with their Militia, so now also we may by Ordinance of Parliament be authorized to elect and choose fit Persons for that Charge once every year, agreeable to the Practice and Custome of the City in all other chief Offices and Trusts concerning their Government.

And now whatsoever Expressions or Desires our Cares and Feares have led us unto, or what-ever we or our fellow-Citizens have presumed to take notice of, or touch upon, Wee humbly pray both for our selves and them, That your Lordships will remit all to our and their great zeale for Gods Glory and the Peace of the Kingdome. And that it may be remembred, That wee and they are those whom you have with your selves engaged in one Covenant, to whom God hath given Hearts as well to adventure all for your Service and preservation, as to be ever thankfull for the continuall protection and great deliverances they have received by Gods blessing through your constant Endeavours, and whose hands God hath strengthened to fight his and
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your Battels; Wee doe humbly assure your Lordships that we and they have still the same dutiful hearts, and that in the sincere pursuance of our solemne League and Covenant, no Interest or influence shall (with the blessing of God) be ever able to withdraw our obedience, or divert our affections from the Parliament of England.

We humbly submit all to your Lordships great Wisedomes, and shall daily pray, &c.

